

PRESIDENT INVITED TO ADDRESS KNIGHTS

Ten Thousand K. of C. to Rally on Memorial Day.

President Wilson has been invited to make the Memorial Day address in front of the Union Station Plaza on May 30 when more than 10,000 members of the Knights of Columbus and other Catholic societies will pledge fealty to their flag and country.

The President already is scheduled for a Memorial Day address at Arlington National Cemetery.

Details for the celebration were arranged at a meeting held last night at Gonzaga College. Roscoe P. Downing, Clarence F. Donohue and Michael P. Falvey are among the committee which will complete the final arrangements at a meeting Sunday evening.

A military mass at St. Aloysius' Church will open the celebration. Cardinal Gibbons will celebrate and prelate from all parts of the country will be in the sanctuary.

For the demonstration at the plaza, the various societies will gather at the churches and march to the stand. A number of Senators and members of Congress have been invited to make addresses and the clergy also will speak. The gathering is expected to surpass in numbers any similar event since the unveiling of the Columbus Memorial, and the committee has assurances that delegations will be present from Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

CONFEDERATE DOCTORS WILL SHOW LOYALTY

Southern Surgeons, at Great Reunion, Will Confer on Army Needs.

Medical officers of the army and navy of the Confederacy, who are to gather in Washington to attend the reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, June 4 to 8, will come prepared to show their loyalty to a united nation.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Association of Medical Officers of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States, to be held during the week of the general reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, will furnish an opportunity for the doctors and surgeons of the South to exchange experiences of scientific value.

Headquarters of the Confederate medical officers will be established in the New Willard Hotel, where the general headquarters also will be located.

EXPECT FIGHT TODAY OVER DRAFT MEASURE

Organized Movement in House to Retain Senate Amendment.

There is a well organized movement on foot in the House to fight for the retention in the selective draft bill of the amendment adopted by the Senate providing for the organization of a four division volunteer army for immediate service at the front. Under the leadership of Representatives Gardner, of Massachusetts, and McCormick, of Illinois, the work has been going on throughout yesterday and many have been won over to the principle which previously the House refused by a convincing vote even to consider.

Chairman Dent, of the committee on military affairs yesterday reported the conference agreement to the House and announced that this morning he would call up the report for consideration. He asked that debate be limited to two hours.

This brought Representative Gardner to his feet with a violent protest against such a form of closure at this time. "To shut off debate on the Roosevelt proposition is not right," said Gardner.

"The whole country has been held up a month already," retorted Representative Sherley, of Kentucky.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY CLOSES SOCIAL SEASON

Unique Decorations Feature Delightful Annual "Prom" of Sophomores.

The Catholic University social season was brought to a successful close last night by the annual sophomore "prom" held in Catholic University Hall.

Green shrubs and white flowers, corresponding to the colors of green and white, made up the decoration scheme, unique designs of white pinks standing out against ferns and maple leaves in the background. Among the patrons and patronesses were many members of the faculty and their wives. Music was furnished by Maj. Davis.

Much credit for the success of the "prom" was given to the committee composed of P. C. Power, D. J. McCarthy, J. P. McGuinness, Edward Gardner, J. P. O'Donnell, William Ostergren, N. L. Roddy and R. J. Levery.

Officers of the class of 1919 are Paul C. Power, president; S. P. Clarke, vice president; J. A. Blanchette, treasurer; Thomas H. Jackson, secretary; and Thomas B. Kendrick, member of the student council.

"PRESS GAG" PLAN HIT ALLIED ENVOYS BANQUET

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ceive a majority, thus ending the question for all time.

"The mischief which we seek to remedy here by amendment and modification can only be reached by the elimination of the censorship situation altogether," declared Senator Johnson in the opening of his speech yesterday.

"I wish to say at the outset that I do not speak for the metropolitan press of the nation. I am not concerned with the attitude of the newspapers. They are sufficiently powerful, rich, and influential to take care of themselves. I have no doubt that no matter how we may legislate here on this matter they will go forward as they see fit and in full accord with the traditions. It is for the sacred American right, for the man to express himself as he sees fit, that I plead. I am talking for the right of free speech, the right that belongs to every man in this land."

In this crisis the right of free speech and free press are of greater importance than at any time in the history of the United States, in the opinion of Senator Johnson, who said that the legislative branch of this government has forgotten its initiative and has abdicated its functions. If this be true, much, much more tenderly and carefully should we guard the right of a free press to print the truth.

Would Mean Autocracy.

"I'll follow the President and pledge to him every resource of wealth as well as blood, but we should not follow any one into autocracy, no matter whence comes the request."

Reading from President Wilson's recent letter to Arthur Brisbane, an editorial writer, in which the President pledged that he would not permit the censorship to be applied to his acts and policies, Senator Johnson said that he considered the President's expression both patriotic and unselfish.

"But," he continued, "by this letter he has written the death knell of this very law. By this letter he writes that it should not be applied to himself. He abrogates it insofar as it applies to himself before it is passed, but he says in effect that if there is an incompetent and inefficient subordinate in the government, my lips and your lips are closed. The President, with this letter, has made the best argument against the censorship provision that has yet been made. Upon that letter we who do not believe in the suppression of free speech and a free press could well afford to rest our case."

Senator Borah's attack on the censorship provisions was along constitutional lines. He expressed the opinion that the prohibitions proposed in the measure were in point of fact diametrically opposed to the constitution, which has made the individual and of the people at large.

Senator Borah also revised the history of past attempts in the United States to enforce a censorship.

"Lamentable and complete failure has marked every attempt to enforce a censorship in the United States," he said. "It was tried by a law passed in the course of the war of 1812, and it was a failure then. Again, in the course of the American civil war, censorship was attempted. Again it was a failure, colossal and egregious."

From a little booklet recently published by a newspaper man who has made a critical study of the effects of the censorship in Britain and France, Senator Borah read to the Senate:

"The British and the French censorships have constituted the most ridiculous and blundering exhibition provided in the whole course of the war."

Senator Borah told the Senate that the author of the very book was now engaged in the service of the United States government.

The way out of the evils of unrestrained publicity was through the other features of the espionage bill, in the opinion of Senator Borah.

"Brilliant and agile as are the gentlemen who conduct the news-gathering of the National Capital," he said, "the information which does the harm, the information regarding troops and ship movements, will be in the hands of the enemy forty-eight hours before they ever get a chance to print it, for the spies don't wait for the newspapers to print the information they are here to glean."

Mount Vernon Visitors For Year Near Record

With vice regents from twenty-eight States attending the annual meeting of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union met yesterday at the home of George Washington in their fifty-first annual convention. The early morning session was confined to routine business. The superintendent of the building and grounds reported that the number of visitors last year exceeded any previous year, except 1907-8 the years of the Jamestown Exposition.

The association has acquired in the past year a set of drawing instruments used by Washington, a trunk in which he kept his papers, three books, five autographed letters, the wedding ring of Mary Ball, Washington's mother, a black lace shawl belonging to Martha Washington, and other gifts.

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The big sale of Men's high-grade Trousers is still in progress, although quick action is necessary. They come direct from A. New & Co., 721 Broadway, New York City, noted makers of Men's fine Trousers. For the purpose of this sale they have been divided into four lots, priced as follows: \$13.95-\$15.95, \$15.95-\$17.95, \$17.95-\$19.95, \$19.95-\$21.95.

Hundreds of pairs, embracing all materials and all patterns, are in the lot, and almost any odd coat can be perfectly matched. Scores of men are finding it to their advantage to look over the wardrobe, selecting coats that have been discarded simply because the Trousers are worn. The same man, as Friedlander's, obtaining the full wearing value of a new suit at less than the ordinary cost of the Trousers only.

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PENNSYLVANIA TO CUT TRAIN SERVICE HERE

Will Eliminate Duplication with B. & O. in War Time.

The management of the Pennsylvania Railroad issued a statement last night that it would curtail Washington's railroad service, in order to eliminate duplication with the Baltimore and Ohio, owing to the extraordinary demands for service growing out of the war emergency.

Three reasons are given for this action, which are as follows:

1. To avoid interference with the unprecedented movement of passenger travel on regular trains, that is now being carried to and from Washington in connection with the important public business being transacted there.

2. To clear the way as far as possible for the movement of the great vegetable crops of the Southern States, a very large portion of which must come North over this railroad's line between Washington, Philadelphia and New York.

3. To participate and prepare for heavy movements of troops and government supplies.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has taken no active steps as yet toward a general curtailment of passenger service on account of the war but the management has in contemplation the possibility that such action may be forced upon it later by future developments. With this in mind all of the operating and passenger officials have been instructed to make a careful study of passenger transportation conditions on all parts of the road in order to determine in what ways the service could be reduced with the least possible inconvenience to the public.

A similar statement has been issued by officials of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

NEWMAN'S TESTIMONY FAVORABLE TO CARMEN

Strikers Satisfied with Second Day's Hearing Before Senate Committee.

Optimism ran high with the officials of the local street car employees' union last night following the second day's hearing before the Senate investigating committee of the conditions that brought about the breach between the employees and the traction company.

District Commissioner Oliver P. Newman proved a strong witness for the amalgamated. He told in detail the negotiations which ended in a deadlock and subsequent strike of the employees, and insisted that at all times the men were ready and willing to arbitrate.

Attorney James H. Vahey, for the employees, and Clarence P. King, president of the Washington Railway and Electric

Cleaning Gun, Husband Fatally Wounds Wife

Ether Lyons, colored, 30 years old, wife of Harry Lyons, colored, 17 years old, was accidentally shot in the chest and probably fatally wounded in their home on Brick Haven, Va., last night.

The injured woman was brought to the Emergency Hospital. According to his wife's story, Lyons was cleaning his double-barrelled shot gun and accidentally discharged the gun. After rushing from the house to call for help Lyons has not been seen since.

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Company, engaged in a lively interchange of remarks before the hearing opened. President King criticized Commissioner Newman for his testimony at the opening session.

"You have no right to talk with a witness," said Vahey, who had overheard the remarks. "I think it is in very bad taste for you to be talking to this witness about his testimony."

"I have a right to talk and you cannot stop me," replied President King. Commissioner Newman ended the controversy by walking away.

The feature of the Commissioner's testimony yesterday was that he had been assured by the employees they were willing to waive the right of recognition of the union if the company would arbitrate other matters in dispute.

Commissioner Newman declared that he was in touch with the men, that they had taken him into their confidence and instructed him to let the company know the right of the union would not be insisted upon. He was advised not to let the company know this until after other negotiations had failed.

Today Commissioner Newman will resume the stand and be cross-examined by the company's attorneys.

"Forward Washington" Plans Given Boost at Luncheon

The "Forward Washington" movement of the Washington Chamber of Commerce received a decided impetus at a luncheon yesterday, given by A. Leftwich Sinclair. Some seventy-five of Mr. Sinclair's personal friends were present and for nearly two hours discussed with him the plans for this big undertaking.

Short talks outlining these plans and hinting at some of the possibilities of what might be accomplished, were made by Deputy Attorney General H. H. Glasco, Senator Marion Butler, and Edward F. Trefz, of Los Angeles, Cal. All three of these speakers urged a union of all the professional and business interests of the city through the Chamber of Commerce.

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When Will the Stars and Stripes Be Unfurled in France?

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In THE LITERARY DIGEST for May 12th, you will find all phases of the Government's war activity at Washington covered in an intelligible comprehensive way. The full force of public opinion as indicated by the newspaper press is presented in all its shades.

Other articles of immediate interest in this number of THE DIGEST are:

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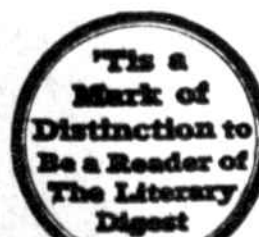
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